

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Guerra on October 6, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows: Please see the attached Amendments to the Claims in the Appendix.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Element label 19 in Figure 3b must be changed to Element label 18 because it denotes "material accumulations" as discussed in Attorney REMARKS in attached document. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 19, 28, and 31 include limitations of allowable subject matter which positively require that a camshaft producing system has separate knurling and press-on stations, that there are more than one "workpiece receiving sockets," and that the "workpiece receiving sockets" are positively separate from one another. Examiner's best art, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication JP08294832A by WANTABE, discloses a single workpiece receiving socket which transports a shaft from the knurling station to the press-on station. Referring to WANTABE Figure 3, items 16, 18, and 39 make up

the workpiece receiving socket, which is attached to a manipulating device component (items 37, 15, and 14) which together transport the shaft (item 5) between the knurling station (item 40) and the press-on station (item 50). Applicant's invention is allowable because in view of all other limitations in the independent claims, the prior art does not disclose or teach towards two or more separate workpiece receiving sockets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACOB J. CIGNA whose telephone number is (571) 270-5262. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Yao can be reached on 571-272-1224. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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